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For:	METHOD OF RECORDING PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED BY OPINION LEADER SELECTED BY USER, AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY RECORDING BROADCASTS	Dated:	December 13, 2007

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated November 16, 2007, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-9, 22-31 and 38, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-48 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-9, 22-31 and 38, drawn to a method of selecting a program which meets a user's test from broadcast programs and recording the selected program in an automatic broadcast recording apparatus in a system having a server and the automatic broadcast recording apparatus with "time recording pattern information";

Group II, Claims 10-12, 16-18, 35-37 and 42-47, drawn to a method of accumulating a program which meets a user's test from broadcast programs and recording the selected program in an automatic broadcast recording apparatus in a system having a server and the automatic broadcast recording apparatus with "sending playback information, collecting sent information, calculating a taste level and deleting recorded program with lower test level";

Group III, Claims 13-15 and 19-21, drawn to accumulating a program which meets a user's test from broadcast programs in a system having a server and automatic broadcast recording apparatus comprising comparing: "a predetermined taste level new program with program recorded in past, deleting the program whose taste level is lower than new program and recording new program, if the is no lower taste level stop recording"; and

Group IV, Claims 39-41 and 48, drawn to a computer readable medium having computer readable program code for executing on a computer to perform "a process of providing a user with information to select a broadcast program which meets the user's taste thought a web page".

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II, III and IV are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-9, 22-31 and 38. However, applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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